

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 as indicated below. Claims 2 through 11 were cancelled in a previous Preliminary Amendment. Please add new claims 12 through 32 as set forth below:

Claim 1: (Cancelled)

Claims 2 through 11: (Cancelled).

12. (New) A spinning position for producing yarn from a fiber structure, comprising:

a fiber guidance sleeve defining an interior, said fiber guidance sleeve comprising a fiber guiding surface arranged in the interior of said fiber guidance sleeve, said fiber guiding surface having a deflection point, said deflection point located in said interior of said fiber guidance sleeve;

said fiber guidance sleeve configured to receive a fiber structure introduced into said fiber guidance sleeve at an input direction, said input direction forming an angle of inclination α between said input direction and said fiber guiding surface at said deflection point.

13. (New) The spinning position of claim 12, wherein said angle of inclination α is in the range of values of approximately $5^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 75^\circ$.

14. (New) The spinning position of claim 12, wherein said angle of inclination α is in the range of values of approximately $5^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 25^\circ$.

15. (New) The spinning position of claim 12, wherein said angle of inclination α has a value of approximately 15° .

16. (New) The spinning position of claim 12, wherein said fiber guidance sleeve further comprises an end face and said fiber guiding surface defines a direction; said deflection point being located at a distance b in the direction of said fiber guiding surface from said end face, said distance b being in the range of values of approximately $.01 \text{ mm} \leq b \leq 4 \text{ mm}$.

17. (New) The spinning position of claim 16, wherein the distance b has a value of approximately 1 mm.

18. (New) The spinning position of claim 12, wherein the fiber guidance sleeve further comprises a run-in ramp, the run-in ramp being inclined by an angle γ with said fiber guiding surface, the angle γ being in the range of values of approximately $100^\circ \leq \gamma \leq 150^\circ$.

19. (New) The spinning position of claim 18, wherein the angle γ has a value of approximately 120° .

20. (New) The spinning position of claim 12, further comprising a drafting system located upstream of said fiber guidance sleeve, said drafting system defining a plane, said deflection point being located outside said plane defined by said drafting system.

21. (New) The spinning position of claim 20, wherein the plane of the drafting system is inclined in relation to said input direction of said fiber structure by an angle β , said angle β being in the range of values of approximately $0^\circ < \beta \leq 10^\circ$.

22. (New) The spinning position of claim 21, wherein the angle β has a value of approximately 5° .

23. (New) The spinning position of claim 20, wherein the drafting system comprises two delivery rollers having axes of rotation, said axes of rotation defining a plane, said deflection point being located at a distance a from said plane defined by the axes of rotation of said delivery rollers, said distance a being in the range of values of approximately $9 \text{ mm} \leq a \leq 13 \text{ mm}$.

24. (New) The spinning position of claim 23, wherein the distance a has a value of approximately 11 mm.

25. The spinning position of claim 20, wherein the deflection point is located at a distance c from said plane defined by said drafting system, said distance c being in the range of values of approximately $0 \text{ mm} \leq c \leq 7 \text{ mm}$.

26. The spinning position of claim 25, wherein the distance c has a value of approximately 1 mm.

27. (New) A fiber guidance sleeve for a spinning position of an air-jet spinner, the fiber guidance sleeve defining an interior, the fiber guidance sleeve comprising:

a fiber guiding surface arranged in the interior of said fiber guidance sleeve;

a run-in ramp; and

a deflection point formed by said fiber guiding surface and said run-in ramp located in the interior of said fiber guidance sleeve.

28. (New) The fiber guidance element of claim 25, wherein said fiber guidance sleeve further comprises an end face and said fiber guiding surface defines a direction; said deflection point being located at a distance b in the direction of said fiber guiding surface from said end face, said distance b being in the range of values of approximately $.01 \text{ mm} \leq b \leq 4 \text{ mm}$.

a drafting system located upstream of said fiber guidance sleeve, said drafting system defining a plane, the plane defined by said drafting system being inclined in relation to said input direction of said fiber structure by an angle β , said angle β being in the range of values of approximately $0^\circ < \beta \leq 10^\circ$, said deflection point being located at a distance c from said plane defined by said drafting system, said distance c being in the range of value of approximately $0\text{ mm} \leq c \leq 7\text{ mm}$;

the drafting system comprising two delivery rollers having axes of rotation, said axes of rotation defining a plane, said deflection point being located at a distance a from said plane defined by the axes of rotation of said delivery rollers, said distance a being in the range of values of approximately $9\text{ mm} \leq a \leq 13\text{ mm}$.

29. (New) The spinning position of claim 26, wherein the distance b has a value of approximately 1 mm.

30. (New) The fiber guidance element of claim 25, wherein said run-in ramp is inclined by an angle γ with the fiber guiding surface, the angle γ being in the range of values of approximately $100^\circ \leq \gamma \leq 150^\circ$.

31. (New) The fiber guidance element of claim 25, wherein the angle γ has a value of approximately 120° .

32. (New) A spinning position for producing yarn from a fiber structure, comprising:

a fiber guidance sleeve defining an interior; said fiber guidance sleeve comprising a fiber guiding surface defining a direction, said fiber guiding surface arranged in the interior of said fiber guidance sleeve, said fiber guiding surface having a deflection point, said deflection point being located in said interior of said fiber guidance sleeve, said fiber guidance sleeve configured to receive a fiber structure introduced into said fiber guidance sleeve at an input direction, said input direction forming an angle of inclination α between said input direction and said fiber guiding surface at said deflection point, said angle of inclination α being in the range of values of approximately $5^\circ \leq \alpha \leq 75^\circ$;

an end face located at a distance b in the direction of said fiber guiding surface from said deflection point, said distance b being in the range of values of approximately $.01 \text{ mm} \leq b \leq 4 \text{ mm}$;

a run-in ramp, the run-in ramp being inclined by an angle γ with said fiber guiding surface, the angle γ being in the range of values of approximately $100^\circ \leq \gamma \leq 150^\circ$; and